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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVAUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of Application No. 2003-01:

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SAGEBRUSH POWER PARTNERS, LLC;

KITTITAS VALLEY WIND POWER

RENEWABLE NORTHWEST PROJECT'S RESPONSE TO KITTITAS COUNTY'S PREHEARING MOTIONS

## INTRODUCTION

Renewable Northwest Project ("RNP") opposes Kittitas County's Motion to Stay to "prepare and respond" to Ted Clausing's testimony. The County's "response" is properly articulated during cross-examination. No additional preparation time is justified.

Mr. Clausing's testimony is not a surprise. It is based on Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife ("WDFW") Draft EIS comment letters submitted in January and March. The January letter states, "with regard to fish and wildlife, the studies and mitigation measures in the DEIS are consistent with WDFW's Statewide Wind Power Development Guidelines." Exhibit 71-R (TC-2). This correspondence is adopted by BOTH Mr. Clausing and Mr. Bevis. However, because the two witnesses do not have identical opinions, RNP submitted Mr. Clausing's testimony to clarify WDFW's official position.

The County infers that the earlier submittal of Mr. Bevis's testimony was malpractice. Submission of a variety of witness opinions in a contested proceeding is not an ethics violation and is not a basis for stay.

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